



Reviewed Programme of walks for January 2026

Thursday 1 January 2026 10:00

Thu 1 Jan 2026 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)

Starting from King George's car park, Sittingbourne. ME10 1QX, TQ 900624

Grade Moderate. Bexon Lane - Milstead - Rodmersham

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at The Fruiterer's Arms Rodmersham. Bring a packed lunch

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: winifred wright 01795 426197 winboyd2805@btinternet.com

Sunday 4 January 2026 10:00

Sun 4 Jan 2026 5.2 miles/8.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from Selling Village Car Park ME13 9RG, TR037564

Grade Moderate. Hogben Hill and Fisher Street Road

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Postcode approx only. CP By school in Selling Road. Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Wednesday 7 January 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Jan 2026 6.5 miles/10.4 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Ryarsh (opposite village hall) ME19 5LS, TQ670599

Grade Moderate. Pilgrims Way - North downs - Long Barrow

Text Leader to Book 07759 439899 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Duke of Wellington Ryarsh. Postcode approx. only, Park in the road opposite VH, (please don't park in the village hall car park) Text Leader 48 hours before if eating at Pub, pub requests meal choices.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Andy Osborne 07759 439899 andyos.ao@gmail.com

Wednesday 7 January 2026 10:00

Wed 7 Jan 2026 5 miles/8 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Lenham public car park - behind Dog & Bear. ME17 2QH, TQ898512

Grade Moderate. Route to be decided on the day

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk. N.B: 2 hour parking limit on roads in village

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Wendy Manser 07745 276900 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Postponed Thursday 8 January 2026 10:30 Postponed

Thu 8 Jan 2026 3.5 miles/6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Aylesford Friars ME20 7BX, TQ724590

Grade Easy Aylesford - Eccles

~~Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at~~

~~Friars Tea room Aylesford. Car Park £2 Optional Donation~~

~~Circular Walk, Pace Slow~~

~~Contact: Jean Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637~~

~~walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk~~

Sunday 11 January 2026 9:30

Sun 11 Jan 2026 11 miles/17.7 Km (Starting at 9:30 Finishes 15:28 approx.)

Starting from Woudham PCP (behind Medway Inn in Knowle Road) ME1 3XB, TQ713637

Grade Leisurely North Downs Way

~~Booking Not Required NB EARLY START. Well Behaved Dogs Only. No pub stop, just picnic so bring food. If you contact leader, please text~~

~~Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely~~

Contact: Allan T 07966 446335 Allanthebus7@gmail.com

Wednesday 14 January 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Jan 2026 5.5 miles/8.5 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Hook and Hatchet pub , Church Road, Hucking ME17 1QT, TQ838582

Grade Leisurely Hazel Street

~~Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Hook and Hatchet Hucking. Advise leader when booking if you intend to eat at pub. Woodland, farmland and lanes. Some sheep, so no dogs~~

~~Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely~~

Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Wednesday 14 January 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Jan 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Starting from Cliffe CP (behind the Six Bells in Buttway Lane) ME3 7QD, TQ735765

Grade Moderate Nature Reserve - Cliffe Fort

~~Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Six Bells Cliffe. Almost flat.~~

~~Circular Walk, Pace Moderate~~

Contact: Tony 07990 619446 01474 706984 tony.bushe@btinternet.com

Wednesday 14 January 2026 10:00

Wed 14 Jan 2026 10 miles/16 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)

Starting from Teynham car park. ME9 9TU, TQ954 628

Grade Moderate. Sunderland Lane - Tonge Mill

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only at The Ship Conyer.

Directions: From A2 turn off to station. 4th turning into School, Belle Friday Close.

Continue to the end. Bring a packed lunch.

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: winifred wright 01795 426197 winboyd2805@btinternet.com

Thursday 15 January 2026 10:30

Thu 15 Jan 2026 3.5 miles/6 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Aylesford Friars ME20 7BX, TQ724590

Grade Easy Aylesford - Eccles

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Friars Tea room Aylesford. Car Park £2 Optional Donation

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Joan Jenner 07530 948372 01622 764637

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Sunday 18 January 2026 10:00

Sun 18 Jan 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Starting from Woudham Recreation Car Park ME1 3XB, TQ714638

Grade Moderate. Woudham Common, North Downs Way, Petts Farm, Peter's Village

Text Leader to Book 07711 605067 Assistance Dogs Only. Drinks only Steep ascent to NDW

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Bob Buist 07711 605067 rj.buist@gmail.com

Sunday 18 January 2026 9:45

Sun 18 Jan 2026 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 9:45 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Brownden Rd CP Upper Halling ME2 1JH, TQ691639

Grade Moderate. Court Farm, Holly Hill, Trottiscliffe, Long Barrow, Ladds Farm

Booking Not Required NB EARLY START Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The George Trottiscliffe, Food Available, Hilly

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Gerald Carr 0793 1781960 01474 329140 thecarrs270@btinternet.com

Wednesday 21 January 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Jan 2026 10.5 miles/16.9 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 16:00 approx.)

Starting from Dryhill Nature Reserve TN14 6AA, TQ497552

Grade Moderate. Goathurst Common, Ide Hill, Emmets Garden

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The Cock Ide Hill, Food Available

Circular Walk, Pace Moderate

Contact: Graham Smith 07762 458654 01622 755822

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Wednesday 21 January 2026 10:00

Wed 21 Jan 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Strand Leisure Park CP, Gillingham ME7 1TT, TQ784692

Grade Leisurely. Lower Lines - Pembroke Campus - Dockyard - Fort Amherst - Great Lines

Booking Not Required Assistance Dogs Only. A leisurely stroll through some of Medway's most historic sites. Parking £3.70

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Ray and Carol Golland 07880 727619 golland14@yahoo.com

Thursday 22 January 2026 10:30

Thu 22 Jan 2026 3 miles/4.8 Km (Starting at 10:30 Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Starting from Lockmeadow Car Park, Maidstone ME16 8LW, TQ758552

Grade Easy. Fant Nature Reserve, River Medway

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Lockmeadow Food Hall Maidstone. Parking £2.90 for three hours. Dogs are welcome in the food hall, to the extent that there is a bowl of water and biscuits for them!

Circular Walk, Pace Slow

Contact: Andrew Hider 07983 396807 01622 663063 andrewhider49@gmail.com

Sunday 25 January 2026 10:00

Sun 25 Jan 2026 6 miles/9.7 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Starting from Mote Park Car Park ME15 7SX, TQ772552

Grade Leisurely. Vinters Valley Nature Reserve-Mote Park-Downswood-Mote Park

Booking Not Required Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop after walk at Mote Park Cafe £3 car parking charge for six hours.

Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely

Contact: Amy Hider 07805 307611 01622 663063 amymonky@hotmail.co.uk

Wednesday 28 January 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Jan 2026 7 miles/11.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 15:00 approx.)
Starting from Patrixbourne Road, BRIDGE. Lay-by near Recreation Ground. Limited
Parking, please share cars. CT4 5BL, TR185543
Grade Moderate. Pett Farm - Pett Bottom - Bishopsbourne - Bourne Park - Bridge
Text Leader to Book 07704 437737 Assistance Dogs Only. Lunch Stop at The
Mermaid Inn BISHOPSBOURNE, Food Available If requiring a pub lunch, notify
Leader WHEN BOOKING, no later than 48 hours prior to walk, thank you.
Circular Walk, Pace Moderate
Contact: Denis M. 07704 437737 walks@maidstoneramblers.org.uk

Wednesday 28 January 2026 10:00

Wed 28 Jan 2026 5.2 miles/8.3 Km (Starting at 10:00 Finishes 13:00 approx.)
Starting from Fox and Goose Pub Weaver Street Maidstone ME145JP, TQ786560
Grade Leisurely. Mote Park and river Len
Text Leader to Book 07729 584260 Well Behaved Dogs Only. Optional Lunch Stop
after walk. Advise leader when booking. if you intend to eat at pub after.
Circular Walk, Pace Leisurely
Contact: Des Relf 07729 584260 desmond.relf@btinternet.com

Finding the start of your walk

Start and meeting points include nearest postcode and an Ordnance Survey grid
reference accurate to 100m.

Use postcodes with care: in rural areas the nearest postcode may be some distance from
the actual start point.

See OS maps for an explanation of how to use grid references.

Grades

- Easy Access - walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and
pushchairs, using easy access paths. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.
Assistance may be needed to push wheelchairs on some sections.
- Easy - walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty, a specific health
problem or is seriously unfit. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional
obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.
- Leisurely - walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking
experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof
clothing are recommended.

- Moderate - walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.
- Strenuous - walks for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness should contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- Technical - walks for experienced and very fit walkers with additional technical skills. May require scrambling and use of ropes, ice axes and crampons. You must contact the organiser or leader in advance for further details.

Notes

- Walk gradings are provided as a general guide only. If you have any doubt about your fitness for a particular walk, please contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- Bear in mind the distance of the walk, regional differences in terrain and the possibility of bad weather, which can make a walk more difficult than planned.
- Please remember it is the responsibility of each walker to advise the leader if they intend to leave the walk at any time between the start and end. The walker must at least ask the back-marker or other group member to pass a message to the leader that they do not intend to continue on the walk but in most cases this should be to the leader in person.
- If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first - it's much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than to make yourself miserable and exhausted.
- Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

Ticks can be found in dense vegetation or long grass. It is quite rare to get a tick on you but if not removed they can cause Lyme disease which can be very serious. For more details see [Maidstone Ramblers Walking Group](#)